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THE TORRENS LAW.

The legislature has finally enacted the Torrens land registration law, after having dilly-dallied with it for twenty years. The loss the people of South Carolina have suffered, directly and indirectly, through the refusal of successive legislatures to grant this necessary reform in the archaic, cumbersome and expensive methods of recording and transferring titles to real estate can never be estimated, and the vexatious part of the whole proceeding is the well-established and generally admitted fact that there has never been any argument worth consideration against the Torrens system. The most that has been said against the Torrens system of land registration is that it would work a revolution in old practice, that it is modern, simple and efficient and in many cases would render the service of a lawyer less indispensable in transactions involving the sale or mortgage of land than heretofore. The opposition to this reform that has persisted for some twenty years and has blocked every attempt of its advocates to gain for it a full and fair consideration of its merits, can be attributed to nothing more than an obstinate, if not an ignorant, disinclination to change in the direction of simplicity and efficiency by those who regard custom and precedent as more important than common sense and the needs of modern business conditions. It is to be hoped that the Torrens law that has been enacted has not been encumbered with provisions and precedents inherited from the old methods. If it has been loaded down with technicalities and jokers the real objects of the Torrens system may be temporarily defeated and in the minds of superficial observers the system itself may be for a time discredited, but the enactment of any sort of law based upon the fundamental principles of the Torrens system is so great an advance that any minor imperfections and short-comings in the act itself, are not fatal.

One provision that the law should contain, if it does not, is a method by which a person who has held title to land for a sufficient length of time to give him a perfect title, may register his title under the new law at nominal cost and without complicated court proceedings. A man who has a perfect title should not be forced to undergo a troublesome and expensive process by law to obtain a Torrens law title. A provision of this character would tend to immediately popularize the new law and encourage all land owners to register their titles.

BUYING WESTERN STOCK.

The habit of depending upon the west for live stock is so long established and so firmly imbedded in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia that it is not surprising that the efforts that have been made in recent years to develop live stock raising as one of the staple industries of those States have not met with greater success. The custom of making cotton growing the paramount agricultural industry of the South Atlantic States is not the result of the war between the States and the abolition of slavery, as is so often asserted, but antedates the war by forty or fifty years. The harmful effects of raising cotton and buying other things needed on the farm were recognized and deplored fully one hundred years ago, and the conditions of which we complain now were complained of in the early years of the nineteenth century. Cotton was King in 1820 as it is today and our people neglected other crops and farm products to their financial damage as obstinately as they do now. The subjoined article, clipped from a Charleston newspaper of May 1, 1824, contains information of interest and the comments on the facts are as truly appreciable to conditions that now exist as to the conditions nearly a century ago:

Columbia, S. C., May 18.

In the autumn and winter of 1820 and 1821, an account was taken of the horses and mules which passed the mountains from Tennessee and Ken-

tucky, to North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, for sale. From the 1st October, 1820, to 1st April, 1821, the whole number exceeded 10,000. In 1822, the hogs passing Asheville, from and to the same States was 73,000. The number of beaves passing in one season, has not been ascertained, but they are computed to be at least 5,000. The annual amount, therefore, received by two western, from three Atlantic States, in the sale of horses, hogs and cattle, may be thus estimated:

10,000 horses and mules, averaging \$75 each...	\$750,000
73,000 hogs at \$10 each...	730,000
5,000 beaves at \$20 each...	100,000
	\$1,570,000

It may be asked why do North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, pay this annual sum of one million and a half dollars to Kentucky and Tennessee for live stock? Not that the former States are unable to raise them; but because the price heretofore given for cotton, renders it more profitable for them to raise cotton, and buy horses and meat. But in case the proposed tariff should destroy the hopes of the cotton planter, as it inevitably must, if it should pass, the farmers of the Southern Atlantic States, instead of purchasing, must raise their own hogs, horses and cattle. Tennessee and Kentucky will then be deprived of a trade in these articles, of \$1,500,000. And what do they expect to receive in exchange for it? Why to supply the cotton planters with their bagging. But the whole amount consumed in the United States does not exceed \$900,000 per annum. Will Kentucky and Tennessee supply the whole of this, even if the foreign article is prohibited? Certainly not. If the price of cotton is much depressed, the planter of it must and will raise his own hemp and make his own bagging. It was done during the late war and will be done again.

Why then should Tennessee and Kentucky desire the tariff.—Gazette.

LEVER IS PLEASED WITH BILL.

Gratified That His Amendments to Farm Loan Measure Have Been Accepted by Committee.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Lever today expressed himself as greatly pleased with the fact that the rural credits bill reported by the senate committee yesterday contains substantially the two amendments which he pressed for insertion in the joint committee bill—the amendments which have to do with the limited guarantee of the bonds and the making available of a part of the postal savings for investment in farm loan bonds. It is noted that Mr. Lever's proposition to provide propaganda work for the inauguration of the system has been inserted in the senate bill as it comes from the committee.

"I am greatly pleased," he said, "with the action of the senate committee in the insertion of these amendments which I tried to get into the bill before it left the joint committee and with minor amendments I believe the bill reported by the senate committee will furnish a workable system of rural credits which will mean the beginning of the revolutionizing of farm financing in this country. I shall fight for these fundamental propositions on the floor of the house if the bill reported from the banking and currency committee of the house does not carry them and I feel hopeful of having the large majority of the membership of the house with me." It is known that Senator Hollis, who reports the senate bill, and Mr. Lever have been working in the closest cooperation. They recently called upon the president to urge these amendments to the joint committee bill and both came away very enthusiastic over the attitude of the president.

Invitations Out for Marriage.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Roberta McFadden of Sardinia to Mr. Larry T. Gillespie of Brevard, N. C., to take place February 20th, at Sardinia, S. C.

Miss McFadden spent the fall in Sumter, where she was employed in McCollum Bros. store, and made many friends during her stay. Mr. Gillespie is manager of the United States Woolen Mills Company store in this city, having been in Sumter for about a year.

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COCA-COLA PLANT CHANGES HANDS.

J. K. Crosswell Sells Out to E. D. Cole, Who Will Operate Bottling Works. E. D. Cole of Cartersville, Ga., has purchased the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. from Mr. J. K. Crosswell of this city, the trade having been completed the first of this month. Mr. Cole is now head of the Coca-Cola Bottling plant as president and treasurer with the detail management in the hands of Mr. John S. Buck, as formerly.

Mr. Cole is a native of Scranton, S. C., but has been in Georgia for many years. He has been engaged in the bottling business at Cartersville for the past twelve years and has made a financial success of the business. Mr. Cole happened to meet up with Mr. Crosswell at the recent meeting of the Coca-Cola Bottling Association in Atlanta and after hearing Mr. Crosswell's proposition, he came on here with the result that the purchase was consummated. Besides being engaged in other business Mr. Cole is a politician to some extent, being vice chairman of the ways and means committee in the Georgia house of representatives. While he will not move his family here at present, as he is still operating his plant in Georgia, he expects to move them at some time in the not distant future. In the meantime Mr. Cole will divide his time between the two places.

WILLIAMS FOR SECOND TERM.

Manning Reappoints Asylum Superintendent.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—Gov. Manning yesterday reappointed C. Fred Williams, M. D., of Columbia as superintendent of the State Hospital for the insane for a term of two years as provided by law. Dr. Williams was first appointed early last year. He will receive a salary of \$6,000 per year as provided in the appropriation bill, which was amended by the senate. The house provided only \$5,000 and the increase was made upon the recommendation of the senate finance committee.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

Senate Passes on Dr. Williams as Superintendent.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—The senate in executive session this morning confirmed the appointment of Dr. C. Fred Williams as superintendent of the State Hospital for the insane for the term provided by law. Dr. Williams was named yesterday to succeed himself by Gov. Manning.

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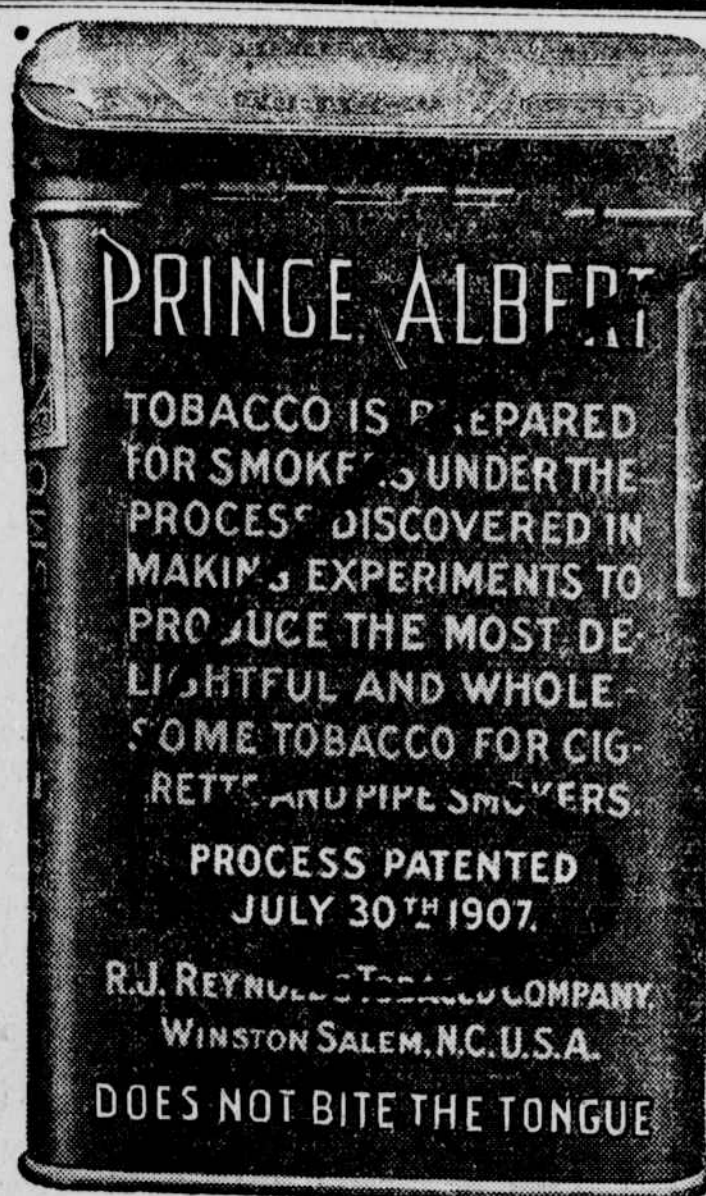
Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

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GOV. THREATENS JUDGE.

Rye Says That He will Call Legislature to Impeach Edgington Unless Latter Resigns.

Nashville, Feb. 21.—Gov. Rye today threatened to call an extra session of the legislature to consider charges of malfeasance in office made by the Memphis Bar against Criminal

Court Judge Jesse Edgington of that city unless Edgington resigns before night. Edgington's friends declared that he had reconsidered his intention to resign and will fight the case to the finish.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Supreme Court has upheld the Florida law making it a misdemeanor for able bodied males to refuse to work the roads.

APPEALS FOR MONEY.

Secretary of Treasury Asks for Appropriations.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The secretary of the treasury today sent a communication to congress asking for immediate emergency appropriations of \$5,000 for Lancaster and \$29,000 for Marion postoffice buildings.

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